wards solution of local problems. Problems and issues should also be covered from the public point of view without any hesitation in bringing out healthy criticism.

(8) Media Units and, particularly, Akashvani and Doordarshan, should endeavour to put out news and features which are investigative and indepth. There should be a greater attempt in diversification of coverage in terms of personalities being brought in for participation, places of origination of news, and sources being relied upon.

(9) Media Units should have a constant dialogue among themselves and establish effective horizontal linkage to support and supplement one another's programmes and resources.

(10) Each Media Unit should have adequate systems for continuous evaluation and re-assessment of its performance in the context of its specific objectives, resources and schedules.

4. This communication supersedes earlier communications No. 1|5|77-IP&MC dated 18th April, 1977, No. 12/215/77-B(P), dated 29th June, 1978, No. 12/215/77-B(P), dated 7-11-78 and No. 12/215/77-BP dated 29th May 1979, on this subject.

5. The receipt of this communication may please be acknowledged.

Demands of DRDA Employees

1324. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India D.R.D.A. employees union has served a Notice of Dharna on 17th July, 1989 by them;

(b) if so, what are their demands; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to meet their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main demands of the All India DRDA Employees Union include:—

(i) Formation of State cadre with definite service rules.

(ii) Security of service.

(iii) Provision of benefits equal to the State Government employees.

(iv) Reversion of deputationists to their parent departments.

(v) Filling up of vacant posts through promotion and direct recruitment.

(vi) Earmarking adequate funds for establishment and contingencies according to sanctioned strength as Non-Plan budget.

(vii) Provision of additional staff according to new scheme/programmes.

(viii) Reinstatement of employees of DRDA in Manipur,

(ix) Initiation of action against Project Officer, DRDA Ukhrul and Dy. Commissioner-cum- Chairman, DRDA Thoubal in Manipur State.

(c) As DRDAs are registered societies functoning under the administrative control of State Governments and further as the demands of the All India DRDA Employees Union pertain to action to be taken at State Government level, their representation has been forward to the State Governments for sympathetic consideration.